

Minutes.....February 20, 2001

10:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, February 20, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Dennis Crawford
Utility Division

(73) In the matter of MDU Contract Service Rate, Docket No. D98.1.14; On February 6, 2001, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., filed an energy charge applicable under Contract Service Rate 35. The escalation adjustment is allowable under the Service Agreement, after the initial three-year term of the contract approved by the Commission on February 24, 1998 in Docket No. D98.1.14 (Order No. 6055). This adjustment is based on the change in the Producer Price Index (PPI) for Finished Goods. The PPI changed from 130.2 in January 1998 to 139.7 in December 2000. MDU has proposed an increase from 3.240¢ per Kwh to 3.476¢ per Kwh. MDU requests that this change become effective March 2, 2001 through March 1, 2002. Commissioner Stovall moved to grant the request. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(74) In the Qwest Corporation, Docket No. N2001.1.12; On January 24, Qwest Communications, Inc. filed Tariff Transmittal 01-02 "Promotional Addendum for NONUTILITY Incentive - Access Line, Small Business Promotion". Customers who subscribe to additional flat-rates business lines and CustomChoice will receive a Call Waiting/Caller ID telephone set and customers who subscribe to additional flat rated business lines will receive a \$50.00 gift card. No Regulated charges are waived during this promotion. The limited time promotion is scheduled to run from February 20, 2001 through March 23, 2001. matter of Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Feland, Rowe, Anderson and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Brainard dissented.

(75) In the matter of AT&T Communications, Inc., Docket No. N2001.1.13; On January 24, 2001 AT&T Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 2001-01 modifying AT&T Commercial Long Distance Service Language to include service charges description and reference to AT&T Consumer Communications Services Tariff (S7). Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(76) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of February 12, 2001. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

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APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dave Burchett

(77) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Energy West Montana gas tracker, Docket No. D2000.10.176; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the interim order providing for a monthly gas tracker and a one year amortization of the unreflected gas cost balance. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Robin McHugh, David Hoffman

(78) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company and Northwestern's application for approval of the sale/acquisition, Docket No. D2001.1.5; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the notice of application and intervention deadline, directing staff to schedule an initial conference for parties, and requesting intervenors state their views on the docket's scope. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel

(79) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest's wholesale and UNE pricing, Docket No. D2000.6.89; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the pro hac vice application of Mark Trinchero. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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8:00 a.m.

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Commissioner Stovall was absent and did not leave votes.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh

(80) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest and Maxcess, Telicor and DSLnet's application for approval of their interconnection agreements, Dockets No. D2000.11.192, D2000.11.195 and D2000.11.196, respectively; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the these opt-in agreements to the Covad agreement. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

(81) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest and USA Digital, Flatel and Avista's application for approval of their interconnection agreements, Dockets No. D2000.11.197, D2000.11.198 and D2000.11.200, respectively; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the interconnection agreements with the exception of section 6.2.14 as it pertains to construction of facilities. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

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APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh

(82) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest's wholesale and UNE pricing, Docket No. D2000.6.89; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the pro hac vice application of Mary Rose Hughes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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